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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 667

Introduced by Assembly Member Block

February 25, 2009

An act to amend Section 1750.1 of the Business and Professions Code, and to amend Section 104830 of, and to add Section 104762 to, the Health and Safety Code, relating to oral health.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 667, as amended, Block. Topical ~~fluoride~~ fluoride application.

Existing law requires that pupils of public and private elementary and secondary schools, except community colleges, be offered the opportunity to receive, within the school year, the topical application of ~~fluoride~~ fluoride or other decay-inhibiting agent to the teeth, as specified. Existing law requires the application to be under the direction of a dentist and allows for self-application.

Under existing law, a dental assistant may only perform topical fluoride applications under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist, as defined.

This bill would, *when services are provided to elementary or postsecondary pupils* specifically include ~~fluoride~~ fluoride varnish in the topical applications that may be used and allow application by any person, *including a dental assistant*. The bill would also permit any person, *including a dental assistant*, to apply topical ~~fluoride~~ fluoride, including ~~fluoride~~ fluoride varnish, or other decay-inhibiting agent to the teeth of a person being served in a public health setting or program that is created or administered by a state or local governmental entity, as specified. *It would require, with respect to services to which the bill*

applies, that they be provided in accordance with a prescription and protocol issued and established by a physician or dentist.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 *SECTION 1. Section 1750.1 of the Business and Professions*
2 *Code is amended to read:*
3 1750.1. (a) A dental assistant may perform the following duties
4 under the general supervision of a supervising licensed dentist:
5 (1) Extra-oral duties or procedures specified by the supervising
6 licensed dentist, provided that these duties or procedures meet the
7 definition of a basic supportive procedure specified in Section
8 1750.
9 (2) Operate dental radiography equipment for the purpose of
10 oral radiography if the dental assistant has complied with the
11 requirements of Section 1656.
12 (3) Perform intraoral and extraoral photography.
13 (b) A dental assistant may perform the following duties under
14 the direct supervision of a supervising licensed dentist:
15 (1) Apply nonaerosol and noncaustic topical agents.
16 (2) Apply topical fluoride.
17 (3) Take intraoral impressions for all nonprosthodontic
18 appliances.
19 (4) Take facebow transfers and bite registrations.
20 (5) Place and remove rubber dams or other isolation devices.
21 (6) Place, wedge, and remove matrices for restorative
22 procedures.
23 (7) Remove post-extraction dressings after inspection of the
24 surgical site by the supervising licensed dentist.
25 (8) Perform measurements for the purposes of orthodontic
26 treatment.
27 (9) Cure restorative or orthodontic materials in operative site
28 with a light-curing device.
29 (10) Examine orthodontic appliances.
30 (11) Place and remove orthodontic separators.
31 (12) Remove ligature ties and archwires.
32 (13) After adjustment by the dentist, examine and seat removable
33 orthodontic appliances and deliver care instructions to the patient.

1 (14) Remove periodontal dressings.

2 (15) Remove sutures after inspection of the site by the dentist.

3 (16) Place patient monitoring sensors.

4 (17) Monitor patient sedation, limited to reading and transmitting
5 information from the monitor display during the intraoperative
6 phase of surgery for electrocardiogram waveform, carbon dioxide
7 and end tidal carbon dioxide concentrations, respiratory cycle data,
8 continuous noninvasive blood pressure data, or pulse arterial
9 oxygen saturation measurements, for the purpose of interpretation
10 and evaluation by a supervising licensed dentist who shall be at
11 the patient's chairside during this procedure.

12 (18) Assist in the administration of nitrous oxide when used for
13 analgesia or sedation. A dental assistant shall not start the
14 administration of the gases and shall not adjust the flow of the
15 gases unless instructed to do so by the supervising licensed dentist
16 who shall be present at the patient's chairside during the
17 implementation of these instructions. This paragraph shall not be
18 construed to prevent any person from taking appropriate action in
19 the event of a medical emergency.

20 *(c) Notwithstanding subdivision (b), when operating in a*
21 *school-based setting or a public health program created or*
22 *administered by a federal, state, county, or local governmental*
23 *entity pursuant to Sections 104762 and 104830 of the Health and*
24 *Safety Code, a dental assistant may apply topical fluoride under*
25 *the general direction of a licensed dentist or physician.*

26 ~~(e)~~

27 *(d)* Under the supervision of a registered dental hygienist in
28 alternative practice, a dental assistant may perform intraoral
29 retraction and suctioning.

30 ~~(d)~~

31 *(e)* The board may specify additional allowable duties by
32 regulation.

33 ~~(e)~~

34 *(f)* The duties of a dental assistant or a dental assistant holding
35 a permit in orthodontic assisting or in dental sedation do not include
36 any of the following procedures unless specifically allowed by
37 law:

38 (1) Diagnosis and comprehensive treatment planning.

39 (2) Placing, finishing, or removing permanent restorations.

(3) Surgery or cutting on hard and soft tissue including, but not limited to, the removal of teeth and the cutting and suturing of soft tissue.

(4) Prescribing medication.

(5) Starting or adjusting local or general anesthesia or oral or parenteral conscious sedation, except for the administration of nitrous oxide and oxygen, whether administered alone or in combination with each other and except as otherwise provided by law.

(f)

(g) The duties of a dental assistant are defined in subdivision (a) of Section 1750 and do not include any duty or procedure that only an orthodontic assistant permitholder, dental sedation assistant permitholder, registered dental assistant, registered dental assistant in extended functions, registered dental hygienist, or registered dental hygienist in alternative practice is allowed to perform.

(g)

(h) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2010.

SECTION 1.

SEC. 2. Section 104762 is added to the Health and Safety Code, to read:

104762. Within a public health setting or a public health program that is created or administered by a ~~state~~ *federal, state,* or local governmental entity any person may apply topical ~~fluoride~~ *fluoride*, including ~~fluoride~~ *fluoride* varnish, or other decay-inhibiting agent to the teeth of individuals who are being served in that setting or program, according to the prescription and protocol issued and established by a physician or dentist.

SEC. 2.

SEC. 3. Section 104830 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:

104830. Pupils of public and private elementary and secondary schools, except pupils of community colleges, shall be provided the opportunity to receive within the school year the topical application of fluoride, including ~~fluoride~~ *fluoride* varnish, or other decay-inhibiting agent to the teeth in the manner approved by the department. The program of topical application shall be under the general direction of a dentist licensed in the state and may ~~include application by a teacher, parent, volunteer, or other person, or self-application, if appropriate.~~ *include, according to the*

- 1 *prescription and protocol established by the dentist,*
- 2 *self-application or application by another person.*

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